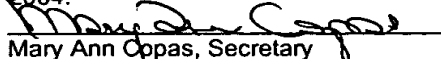




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PETITION AND FEE FOR THREE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION


Sir:

With reference to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant hereby respectfully requests that this application be granted a three-month time extension to August 26, 2004.

This request for time extension is filed concurrently with an **Office Action Amendment**.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, enclosed is a check for \$950.00 to cover the requisite fee. It is requested that any fees required or any shortages in any fees due, now or at any time during the examination of this application, be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Respectfully submitted,


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